GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the educationally backward districts in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof,State-wise;

(c) whether any scheme is being formulated by the Government for the said educationally backward districts;

(d) if so,the details thereof;and

(e) the amount earmarked/allocated for the purpose,State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.The Government has identified 374 educationally backward districts in the country, the list of which, state-wise,is given in Annexure I.

(c)to(e): In order to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by five percentage points in the XI Five Year Plan,a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being formulated by the Government for setting up new degree colleges of excellence in the 374 identified educationally backward districts.The cost of setting up a new college is estimated at Rs. 8.00 crore.Under the proposed scheme,Central assistance to the extent of 1/3rd of the capital cost(or Rs.2.67crore)would be available subject to the balance 2/3rd capital cost being met by the State,either on its own or through the Public Private Partnership mode. The State concerned would also have to make available free land and meet the recurring cost of these colleges.In the XI Five Year Plan, a total amount of Rs. 782 crore has been allocated for this purpose.